

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 746 for H. Res. 419, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

## HONORING FIRST UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, the month of October marks the 50th anniversary of First Union Baptist Church's Christian service in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, which they are commemorating with a celebration: "Honoring our Past, Fulfilling the Present, Preparing for the Future."

Under the faithful stewardship of Rev. Archie Powell, Sr., Union Baptist opened its doors in a storefront on North Street. At this location, Pastor Archie Powell, Sr., Deacon David Sawyer, Mother Tennessee Sawyer, Mother Loread Perry, Mother Lela Lee, Sister Gertha McGhee, and Sister Mary Ann Sawyer Jones met for the first time.

After 25 years of steadfast leadership, Rev. Archie Powell, Sr. was called to rest on November 2, 1986. In the following months, the Rev. Archie Powell, Jr. was installed by Rev. Grandville Smith of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Flint, Michigan. Like his father, Rev. Archie Powell, Jr. is a dedicated servant to the Lord and recently celebrated 24 years of pastoral care to the congregation of First Union Baptist Church.

In 1996, the First Union congregation had grown too big for the building it occupied at the time and decided to break ground on a new place of worship with room for 450 people at 7004 Fleming Rd., Flint, Michigan. The congregation moved in on April 20, 1997. Under the careful stewardship of Rev. Archie Powell, Jr. the congregation was able to pay off the mortgage in December of 2010.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating First Union Baptist Church on their success and dedication to the Flint community. I pray that the ministers, staff, and congregation of First Union will continue their work and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ for many, many years to come.

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**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed Rollcall votes on October 5. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 747: "yea."

Rollcall No. 748: "yea."

Rollcall No. 749: "yea."

## WITH CONGRATULATIONS FOR FRANCIS HALL INSURANCE SERVICES

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Francis Hall Insurance Services of Chester County, Pennsylvania on its 65th anniversary as a continuously family-owned and operated business.

The history of Francis Hall Insurance Services is a long and storied one, extending back to 1946 when Francis A. Hall founded the agency on South High Street in West Chester Borough. In 1947, Francis became licensed to sell real estate and, by 1960, the agency was a prosperous insurance and real estate firm with the top Chester County realtor, Mrs. M.L. Hughes, who had the highest sales record in the County for five straight years.

Over the years, Francis' sons Richard and Robert would join the agency. Upon Francis' retirement in 1962, his sons took up his mantle and maintained a proudly family-owned and operated Chester County business. Today, Francis Hall Insurance Services offers personal, commercial, and financial insurance coverages and custom risk management programs. Through its subsidiaries, it is the leading insurer of fire/EMS services in Southeast Pennsylvania, the second largest writer for municipalities in the Brandywine Valley, and the risk management provider to dozens of municipalities, businesses and manufacturers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Francis Hall Insurance Services on the occasion of its 65th anniversary and to extend best wishes for the agency's continuing work to meet the needs of the community throughout the 21st century and beyond.

## HONORING KEN ESPOSITO

**HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ken Esposito of Bridgewater, Connecticut. Mr. Esposito passed away on September 30, 2011 after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Ken put up a courageous fight with the support of his wife Ann and his family, including his son Eliot and his mother Catherine.

Mr. Esposito was a lifelong advocate for the disadvantaged and those less fortunate. He got his start as a community organizer in Cleveland, Ohio—where he successfully secured millions of dollars for community development projects. In Connecticut, he worked with the United Church of Christ and with the Universal Health Care Foundation. While at the Universal Health Care Foundation, he played a critical role in the effort to pass Sustinet—the ground-breaking legislation which will increase access to affordable health insurance for everyone. Ken worked diligently for years to see this law pass because he believed that providing universal health care was a moral imperative. Additionally, Ken served

as an invaluable resource for me and other members of the Connecticut delegation during the recent health care reform debate.

An avid bicyclist, Mr. Esposito enjoyed biking through the bucolic hills of New England. His family noted recently that he was always proud when he could ride past younger bikers who were struggling on Connecticut's hills.

Sadly, the survival rate of pancreatic cancer is incredibly low. According to the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute, nearly 75 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within one year and nearly 95 percent succumb to the disease within 5 years. Ken's passing reminds us that we have an obligation to stand up for the most vulnerable in society and that much more work must be done to combat devastating diseases, such as pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of Ken Esposito and the contributions he made to the people of Connecticut.

## HONORING STEVE JOBS

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Jobs, Apple's co-founder, who passed away yesterday after a lengthy battle with cancer.

In his short 56 years on this planet, Jobs fundamentally changed the way the world communicates, learns, transacts and gets its entertainment. He also managed to make technology fun and widely accessible.

In the early 1980s, I had the pleasure of collaborating with this once-in-a-generation innovator. At the time he was just a young guy. We met on an airplane and got to talking about a shared interest: getting computers, which were then cutting-edge technology, into classrooms.

Job's vision was for Apple to give a computer to every school in the country. I had been interested in projects to improve kids' computer literacy in a world that was becoming ever more technologically sophisticated. At issue was our children's lack of access to that technology.

On our cross-country flight, Jobs explained that he was bumping up against a tax hurdle in his effort to give Apple computers to schools. Donating goods to a school, he found, was not viable for a business because they could only write off the very minimal production cost of the item. This limitation made it financially untenable for Apple, or any other manufacturer, to donate computers to schools. Somewhere over the Midwest, Jobs and I agreed to work together to remove this barrier.

In the months that followed, Jobs came out to Washington and helped me and my staff write legislation to create a charitable deduction allowance for computer donations to elementary, middle and high schools. Senator John Danforth, a Missouri Republican, picked up the torch and introduced the legislation in the Senate.

Our original bill passed the House with flying colors but died in the Senate. In the next Congress, Rep. Bill Archer, a Texas Republican, joined me in the House to champion the